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SUBJECT: UN FINANCE: FIFTH COMMITTEE APPROVES REPORTS OF BOARD OF
AUDITORS AND RESUMES CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET SECTION 22
(ADMINISTRATION)

REF: USUN 5120

1. SUMMARY: AT 1717TH MEETING OCTOBER 20, FIFTH COMMITTEE
APPROVED BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORTS ON UNDP, UNICEF, UNSWA,
UNITAR, UNHCR, UNEP AND UNFPA. IT THEN RESUMED CONSIDERATION
OF PROGRAM BUDGET (PB) SECTION 22 (ADMINISTRATION). ON OCTOBER 21,
FIFTH COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS
(PB SECTIONS 9, 6, 7, 8 AND 10), ACCOMMODATIONS BY AIR,
UNIDO AUTONOMY, EXCHANGE OF GENEVA PROPERTY AND HONORARIA
OF ILC, UNCB AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL. END SUMMARY

2. UNDP (A/10007/ADD. 1 AND ACABQ REPORT A/10239) - BACHE (US)
DELIVERED STATEMENT PER DEPT INSTRUCTIONS. IN REPLY TO QUES-
TION BY US REP, SADDLER (UNDP) SAID EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE
TO CORRECT PRECEDURES RE IMPREST ACCOUNTS AND UNIDENTIFIED
ACCOUNTS. NETHERLANDS, IRAN AND BYELORUSSIAN SSR DELS
REQUESTED THAT COMPARISON OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AT
THE END OF A FINANCIAL YEAR WITH ESTIMATES MADE EARLY
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IN THE YEAR BY ALL EXECUTING AGENCIES SHOULD BE INCLUDED

IN THE FINANCIAL REPORTS. UNDP REP RESPONDED THAT, WITH HELP PROVIDED BY EXTERNAL AUDITORS, UNDP HAS INSTITUTED NEW PROCEDURES AND PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE.

3. UNICEF (A/10007/ ADD.2) - COMMITTEE APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS DRAFT RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY CHAIRMAN, APPROVING REPORTS AND RECOMMENDING CORRECTIVE ACTION.

4. UNRWA (A/10007/ADD. 6) - UNRWA REP STRESSED URGENCY OF FINANCIAL SITUATION FACED BY THIS BODY WITH DEFICIT OF \$50 MILLION. ALTHOUGH US, EX AND SAUDI ARABIA HAD MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, UNRWA FOUND REAL RISKS IN CARRYING OUT ITS PROGRAM FOR REMAINDERS OF YEAR. HE SAID THAT A DETAILED REPORT WILL BE RELEASED TUESDAY, OCT 21, DESCRIBING DIFFICULTIES FACED. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY CHAIRMAN.

5. UNITAR (A/10007/ADD 4.) - BACHE (US) DELIVERED STATEMENT PER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPT. ALGERIAN REP ASKED FOR EXPLANATION OF "OTHER TRAVEL EXPENSES," WHICH AMOUNTED TO \$102,000. HE ALSO QUESTIONED NEED UNITAR BUILDING PAYING TAXES TO NEW YORK. IN REPLY TO ALGERIAN, UNITAR REP SAID "OTHER TRAVEL MENAT TRAVEL COST OF PARTICIPANTS IN UNITAR TRAINING COURSES." IN REFERENCE TO PAYMENT OF TAXES, UN LEGAL COUNSEL WAS STILL REVIEWING PROBLEM. WOULD ALSO LOOK INTO COMPARATIVE COSTS OF POSSIBLE MOVE TO A NEW TAX-EXEMPT LOCATION.

6. UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (A/10007/ADD. 5), - FUND OF UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (A/10007/ADD.6), UN FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES (A/10007/ADD 7) - COMMITTEE APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION DRAFT RES PRESENTED BY CHAIRMAN, APPROVING REPORTS AND RECOMMENDING REMEDIAL ACTION.

7. THE CHAIRMAN SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD TAKE UP IN 1976 THE QUESTION OF CONTINUING CERTIFICATES OF ACCOUNTS ON ANNUAL BASIS OR CHANGING TO BIENNIAL.

8. SECTION 22: COMMITTEE TOOK UP SECTIONS E-), BUDGET UNCLASSIFIED

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DIRECTOR LAVAU, CONTROLLER DEBATIN, AND DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TARS) RECRUITMENT WEBB RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS OF BELGIUM, JAPAN, SWEDEN, IRAN, ITALY, AND IRAQ, WEDD HAD NO COMMENT RE BELGIUM'S ESTIMATE THAT IT COST ABOUT \$2,500 TO RECRUIT ONE EXPERT. IRAN, SWEDEN, ITALY AND IRAQ ALL THOUGHT WOMEN SHOULD BE GIVEN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY WITH MEN REACHING HIGH-LEVEL POLICY-MAKING POST, AND WEBB ADMITTED THAT MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

DO NOT SUBMIT CANDIDATES. HE ALSO SAID COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS WOULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHER MEMBER STATES; AND THAT THE PROFESSIONAL STUDY PROGRAM WAS GIVEN TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBER AS WELL AS TO SENIOR STAFF. DECISION ON SECTION 22 WAS SUSPENDED, PENDING SUBMISSION BY BELGIUM OF AMENDMENT ON PART B.

O9. THERE WILL BE TWO MEETINGS OCT 21. COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER (1) REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS; (2) STANDARD OF ACCOMMODATION OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL BY AIR (THERE WILL BE ACABQ ORAL REPORT); (3) QUESTION OF PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF UNIDO AND ITS ADMINISTRATIVE AUTONOMY; (4) EXCHANGE OF PROPERTIES BETWEEN GENEVA AND UN; (5) HONORARIA PAYABLE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION, INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL.
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